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SUBJECT: CAIRO PRESS ARTICLE SNIPES AT TEHRAN COM CONFERENCE

1. UNDER HEADLINE, " AN AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO DRAW UP
PLAN OF AGGRESSION," APRIL 18 GUMHURIYYA HAS FOLLOWING STORY:

QUOTE: THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN NEXT SATURDAY TO BE ATTENDED BY ALL
AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA.

MR. JOSEPH GREENE, HEAD OF THE US INTERESTS SECTION IN CAIRO
WICL ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE.

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" MR. GREENE LEFT FOR AMERICA THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY ON AN URGENT MISSION AT THE TIME THE SECURITY COUNCIL STARTED DEBATE ON THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION ON LEBANON. MR. RUSH, UNDER SECRETARY FOR MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA AFFAIRS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WICL PRESIDE OVER THIS CONFERENCE. END QUOTE.

2. ALTHOUGH LEVEL OF ANTI- US INVECTIVE IN AHRAH AND AKHBAR HAS DROPPED SLIGHTLY, AND WHILE GUMHURIYYA IS TRADITIONALLY MOST ANTI- AMERICAN OF CAIRO' S DAILY PAPERS, THIS STORY WITH ITS IRRESPONSIH. HE SAID THAT LONDON KNOWS IT MAY BE ISOLATED. (COMMENT. FROM THE LUNCHEON DISCUSSION, IT APPEARS THAT UK IN FACT WILL BE ALONE IN OPPOSING MBFR PROCEDURES PACKAGE. END COMMENT.)

4. CSCE. FOLLOWING UP ON COUNCIL DISCUSSION THAT MORNING, ERALP (TURKEY) SAID THERE WAS AN APPARENT ASSUMPTION BY EVERYBODY-- SOVIETS AND NATO ALLIES-- THAT THERE WOULD BE A CSCE. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER WE SHOULD MAKE THAT ASSUMPTION. LUNS AGREED THAT WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE SOVIETS TO FEEL ASSURED THAT ALLIES WILL NECESSARILY GO TO A CSCE. RUMSFELD

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